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Subject: Breach report 34 in Mogo State Forest Compartment 173

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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of The Coastwatchers Association Inc. I would like to report the felling of a hollow bearing tree (photo attached) during a recent logging operation in Mogo State Forest compartment 173. This is prohibited on page 5 of the Harvest Plan (attached):
"Hollow-bearing tree condition – All hollow-bearing trees (living or dead) must be retained."

I have previously reported the same failure to comply in multiple cases on already in July and August 2020 after which the EPA visited the compartment and work duly stopped for some weeks. However, since resuming operations it has become clear that the contractor is STILL unable to operate compliant with the conditions of the licence.

Please prioritise the issuing a Stop Work Order as these felled trees constitute a systematic ongoing daily pattern of non-compliance resulting in more and more felled tree hollows. This is the same situation which evoked a SWO in South Brooman SF earlier this year. We believe in these circumstances that prosecution is warranted and necessary to avert future non-compliance in the industry.

Regards

Nick Hopkins
The Coastwatchers Association Inc.